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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: COMMERCE/STATE DELEGATION RE
EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT REGULATIONS

REF: A) STATE 212061; B) STATE 197340; C) BAGHDAD 1106;
D) BAGHDAD 1340; E) BEIRUT 4150

1. SINCE BOYCOTT PROVISIONS OF 1976 TAX REFORM ACT (RIBICOFF AMENDMENT) CAN HAVE IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCES FOR FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN OR WITH BOYCOTTING COUNTRIES, TWO WELL QUALIFIED TREASURY OFFICIALS ARE BEING INCLUDED ON PLANNED ITINERARY. THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE PART IN MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY/INTEREST SECTION OFFICERS AND WITH AMERICAN AND ARAB BUSINESSMEN. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR THEM, AS APPROPRIATE, WITH RESIDENT ATTORNEYS SERVING THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY. IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF THEIR PARTICIPATION, IN ADDITION TO EXPLAINING TREASURY BOYCOTT GUIDELINES, IS TO GET GOOD PICTURE OF DAY-TO-DAY TRANSACTIONS/BOYCOTT PRACTICES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY TAX REFORM ACT PROVISIONS. SINCE WE WISH TO FOCUS MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON PROPOSED EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT REGULATIONS AND TO AVOID INTRODUCING COMPLEXITIES OF TAX GUIDELINES, TREASURY REPS WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS WITH ARAB GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

2. REQUEST YOU MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR LEONARD SANTOS, ATTORNEY ADVISOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AREA, TREASURY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE AND JOHN HOLBERTON, ATTORNEY ADVISOR, TREASURY INTERNATIONAL TAX COUNSEL'S OFFICE. WHEN ITINERARY SPLITS UPON DEPARTURE FROM SAUDI ARABIA (OR DURING SUCH SEGMENTS OF TRAVEL WITHIN SAUDI ARABIA AS EMBASSY MIGHT FIND USEFUL), SANTOS WILL ACCOMPANY MOYER AND SMALL. HOLBERTON WILL TRAVEL WITH MARCUSS AND MORRISON. BOTH SANTOS AND HOLBERTON HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PREPARATION OF TREASURY GUIDELINES RE ANTI-BOYCOTT PROVISIONS OF TAX REFORM ACT.

3. FOR AMMAN, BAGHDAD AND BEIRUT: ON FURTHER REFLECTION RE CURRENT MAGNITUDES OF TRADE, SPECIAL PROBLEMS FACED BY U.S. BUSINESSMEN IN IRAQ, AND MORE PRESSING PROBLEMS FACED BY GOVT OF LEBANON, WE BELIEVE SUBSTITUTION OF STOP IN BAGHDAD FOR PLANNED VISIT TO BEIRUT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE, PARTICULARLY IF THERE IS ANY PROSPECT THAT DISCUSSION WITH IRAQI GOVT OFFICIALS MIGHT BE ARRANGED. WE WOULD WELCOME PARTICIPATION BY REP(S) FROM EMBASSY BEIRUT IN BRIEFINGS SCHEDULED AT ANOTHER POST IF THIS CAN BE WORKED OUT. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON FOLLOWING TENTATIVE CHANGE IN PLANNED ITINERARY FOR MARCUSS/MORRISON/HOLBERTON:

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..... 2345 ARR BAGHDAD
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..... 0945 ARR ATHENS
9 OCT (SUN) 1200 LV ATHENS TWA 881

4. FOR BAGHDAD: ASSUMING EMBASSY BEIRUT'S CONCURRENCE IN
SUGGESTED CHANGE IN ITINERARY, SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER RAISING
WITH IRAQI OFFICIALS QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY WOULD WELCOME
MEETING IN BAGHDAD WITH MARCUSS AND MORRISON. WE APPRE-
CIATE THAT LOW PROFILE HANDLING OF BOYCOTT ISSUE IN IRAQ
(AS IN OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES) HAS MERIT (REF (C)); AT SAME
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TIME, DISCUSSION WITHOUT FANFARE OF NEW LAW AND REGULATIONS
MIGHT BE OF CONSIDERABLE UTILITY IF IRAQIS ARE INTERESTED
(BAGHDAD 1340).

5. FOR ALL CONCERNED: APPRECIATE THAT THESE CHANGES WILL
RESULT IN ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS. AT SAME TIME,
CHANGES SHOULD ADD TO EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR EFFORT TO DEAL
WITH BOYCOTT PROBLEM. VANCE

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